

Friday 10th July 2026

End of the Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of term is on **Friday 17th July** with the academy day ending at **1:00pm**.

Buses will run at their current usual times throughout the day. We understand the 48A will leave local stops at approximately 1.12pm, and the 766 to Grendon for Baddesley will go at approximately 1.40pm. The 766 goes from the bus station in town and pupils will need to make their way there at the end of school if the 766 is their usual mode of transport.

Some taxis may collect earlier if requested, please check (well in advance of the last day of term) to see whether your child's taxi will be picking them up at 1.00pm or whether you need to collect them.

As we have no formal information for any school travel, please ensure you have independently checked your own child's travel arrangements for the day and if necessary, make arrangements for them to get home. If you wish your child to remain at school on that day, fully supervised until 3:05pm, please contact Sharon Clarke on sharon.clarke@attrust.org.uk and she will make arrangements for you.

The Autumn Term starts for pupils in Year 7 and Year 11 on Wednesday 2nd September and pupils must be on site for 8:40am. **All** pupils are in the academy on Thursday 3rd September and again, all pupils must be on site for 8:40 am. This is, therefore, the date that Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 will start their academic year. Tuesday 1st September is a designated Staff Development Day.

I would like to provide you with the term dates for next academic year and our Staff Development Days so that you are able to plan accordingly.

	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 2 nd September (Y7 and Y11) Thursday 3 rd September (all pupils)	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026 (1pm finish)
Spring Term 1	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
Spring Term 2	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer Term 1	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
Summer Term 2	Monday 7 th June 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027 (1pm finish)

Our Staff Professional Development Days are as follows:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Friday 27th November 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Tuesday 9th February 2027
- Friday 25th June 2027

In the summer edition of our electronic newsletter, which will be released to Parents and Carers on Friday 17th July, I will be wishing farewell to TQEA colleagues who are departing for new adventures this summer, and are leaving us, as well as introducing you to colleagues starting with us in September. Please note that the academy is fully staffed for September.

As many parents and carers will be purchasing uniform this summer, please note our uniform expectations for all pupils to comply with for September are within this letter. We attach the TQEA uniform and PE kit, which remains unchanged. Our uniform is produced at the most cost-effective price that we can find and is in line with the new and updated government guidance which states from September 2026 there is a legal limit on compulsory branded uniform items. In Secondary schools can require a maximum of four branded items. At TQEA this includes our blazer, tie, PE polo and PE skort/shorts. Our uniform can be purchased from the SchoolWear Centre, 36 Newdegate Street, Nuneaton. You can order online and do click and collect through this site: - [The Queen Elizabeth Academy \(Atherstone\) - Schoolwear Solutions](#). Year 11 now have a plain blue tie with the TQEA emblem located on it. These have been provided to the pupils this week along with the Y10 mock exam results.

We are grateful for the support of the majority of Parents and Carers who send their child in to the academy in perfect uniform. Can I make a plea that all Parents and Carers are aware of our expectations listed in this letter, particularly around the need to wear formal shoes, tailored trousers and a pleated skirt of an appropriate length. In addition, please can I also remind you of the expectations around jewellery, piercings and nails. We appreciate that pupils may have these over the summer holidays and potentially additional piercings, but it is important that additional jewellery and nails are removed before returning in September. The uniform policy explains that pupils can wear one stud earring in each ear and a clear retainer if they have their nose pierced. Any other piercings should be removed. Thank you for your support on this matter as it will ensure that we have no issues in September and will help your child settle back into the new academic year.

I am incredibly proud to be the Head of TQEA and to lead our pupils, staff and the community. The academy continues to go from strength to strength and a significant part of that is down to you as Parents and Carers: your commitment, support and partnership. It has been a great year for our pupils and staff, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy summer.

Yours sincerely,



Alison Morris
Head of Academy

ACCEPTABLE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS AT TQEA SEPTEMBER 2026

This is in line with the Department of Education's updated statutory guidance in July 2026 following the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act, 2026 on branded uniform items.

- School Blazer to be worn at all times unless directed by a member of staff.
- School tie should be worn at all times, appropriately attached to the top button of the shirt.
- Plain white school shirt (tucked in and fully buttoned at all times).
- **Black** full ankle socks (not trainer/sports sock style), or black tights (not footless and no leggings). Students may wish to wear black knee socks, but these must be appropriate for school and come below the knee.
- Plain all black sturdy leather, or leather like, formal school shoes (**No logos and no trainers of any type**). No mesh, material, canvas or coloured trim or soles. Shoes should be sturdy and appropriate for all weathers. Black laces only.
- Plain, full length (no gap between trouser and socks) formal black trousers. They should not be tight fitted. (No jeans, jeggings, corduroy, combat, chinos, Lycra, denim trousers, leggings or tracksuit bottoms).
- Students may choose instead a plain, black **pleated** skirt that comes to just **above the knee**. No other skirt will be allowed. Inappropriate skirt lengths will be challenged and will need to be addressed immediately.
- Optional school jumper (navy with red stripe purchased only via the uniform online shop) When students get warm the jumper should be removed and the blazer kept on.
- A waterproof coat for winter use is strongly recommended. **No hoodies, zip-up tops, leather or denim jackets are to be worn on the academy site.**
- Every student must come to school with a **full-sized bag** to fit their exercise books in and their **equipment**. The expectation is that every student has a pencil case for their equipment. All pupils should also have their phone pouch.



No ankles on show, leggings, skin tight material or jeans.



Pleated skirts only. No skin tight material, no body con and no short skirts.



Additional:

- Students are permitted to wear one pair of small stud earrings which are to be removed during PE lessons. No cartilage piercings are allowed.
- Students are not allowed to have any facial or body piercing, including the tongue or nose. A discreet clear retainer may be worn for other piercings.
- Students may wear a wristwatch, **one** discreet ring and **one** discreet necklace tucked under the shirt
- All jewellery must be removed for PE. Rings and bracelets must be removed for practical lessons in STEM and Food, as well as hair tied back. This is for safety reasons.
- Coloured nail varnish and acrylic or gel nails are **not** allowed. Any applied over a weekend or holiday period must be removed by the time we return to the academy.
- All a small amount of discreet make up in Years 9-11 only is permissible. Pupils' eyelashes should be natural.

TQEA PE Kit

- Shorts or skort with TQEA logo.
- Navy blue sports polo with TQEA logo (fitted option if desired).
- White ankle sports socks or plain navy-blue football socks.
- Trainers (all colours acceptable but not fashion or canvas style).
- Optional TQEA logo hoodie
- Optional outdoor ¼ zip TQEA top.
- Optional plain black or navy-blue tracksuit bottoms **with no logos or stripes**.
- Optional black, or navy leggings, or running leggings
- Optional base layers (long sleeved) plain navy blue or black tops to go underneath the PE t-shirt
- Waterproof raincoats either navy blue, black or plain dark colours (not fashion coats which are not waterproof)

